

# The Treasury

## Budget 2017 Information Release

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## 2017 Budget Package: Vote Transport (Technical Initiatives)

- 1 **approve** the Budget initiatives for the above Vote for inclusion in the 2017 Budget package, as listed in the summary below and detailed in the attached initiative documents;

### Summary of initiatives included in the attached initiative documents:

#### Operating Initiatives (Impact on Operating Balance)

Initiative ID	Initiative Name	\$m - increase/(decrease)						
		2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23 only
9926	Meteorological Service of New Zealand Radiofax Service	-	0.184	0.184	0.184	0.184	0.184	0.184
<b>Total Operating</b>		-	<b>0.184</b>	<b>0.184</b>	<b>0.184</b>	<b>0.184</b>	<b>0.184</b>	<b>0.184</b>

#### Capital Initiatives (Impact on Debt)

Initiative ID	Initiative Name	\$m - increase/(decrease)					2020/21 & Outyears
		2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	
9926	Meteorological Service of New Zealand Radiofax Service	(1.104)	-	-	-	-	-
9993	Regional State Highways	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Capital</b>		<b>(1.104)</b>	-	-	-	-	-

- 2 **approve** changes to appropriations to implement the initiatives, as set out in the attached initiative documents;
- 3 **approve** the additional recommendations to give effect to the initiatives, as set out in the attached initiative documents;
- 4 **agree** that the proposed changes to appropriations and/or capital injections for 2016/17 above be included in the 2016/17 Supplementary Estimates and that, in the interim, the increases be met from Imprest Supply;
- 5 **authorise** the Minister of Finance and the Appropriation Minister to approve jointly any technical adjustments to baselines necessary to remove any errors or inconsistencies identified while finalising the 2016/17 Supplementary Estimates, the 2017/18 Estimates and the fiscal forecasts;
- 6 **authorise** the chief executive of the Ministry of Transport, that monitors Crown entities directly affected by decisions in this minute to inform the chief executive of the New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA), on a budget-in-confidence-until-budget-day basis, of decisions that directly affect NZTA for the purpose of planning and preparation of their Statement of Intent.

- 7 **note** that all communications relating to the 2017 Budget are co-ordinated by a Budget communications committee, and that any requests for early announcement will need to have both the written approval of the Minister of Finance and sign-off from the Prime Minister's office;

**Vote:** Transport

**Title:** Meteorological Service of New Zealand Radiofax Service

**Description:** This funding will allow the Radiofax service which provides weather information to vessels to continue. The contract for service between the Crown and MetService has it ceasing from 30 June 2017.

### Appropriation Changes

	Sm - increase/(decrease)						
	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23 only
Operating Balance Impact	-	0.184	0.184	0.184	0.184	0.184	0.184
Debt Impact	(1.104)	-	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>(1.104)</b>	<b>0.184</b>	<b>0.184</b>	<b>0.184</b>	<b>0.184</b>	<b>0.184</b>	<b>0.184</b>

	Sm - increase/(decrease)						
	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23 only
<b>Non-Departmental Output Expense:</b>							
Weather Forecasts and Warnings	-	0.184	0.184	0.184	0.184	0.184	0.184
<b>Non-Departmental Capital Expenditure:</b>							
Aviation Security Service	(1.104)	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Operating</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0.184</b>	<b>0.184</b>	<b>0.184</b>	<b>0.184</b>	<b>0.184</b>	<b>0.184</b>
<b>Total Capital</b>	<b>(1.104)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

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**Vote:** Transport

**Title:** Regional State Highways

**Description:** Regional State Highway funding was previously provided through a multi-year appropriation and is now provided through an annual appropriation. Funding remaining in the multi-year appropriation is therefore being transferred to the annual appropriation.

**Appropriation Changes**

	<b>\$m - increase/(decrease)</b>				
	<b>2016/17</b>	<b>2017/18</b>	<b>2018/19</b>	<b>2019/20</b>	<b>2020/21 &amp; Outyears</b>
<b>Non-Departmental Capital Expenditure:</b>					
Regional State Highways	12.690	-	-	-	-
Regional State Highways (MYA)	(12.690)	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Capital</b>	-	-	-	-	-

**Additional Recommendations**

9. **note** the Multi Year Appropriation: "Regional State Highways" is reduced by \$12.690 million and offsets the new annual appropriation; and
10. **note** that amounts shown in the appropriations change table for the Multi Year Appropriation: "Regional State Highways" is the change to the indicative annual spending profile.